Spout Spring

Spout Spring, March 8.- Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. W. E. Dickerson in the loss of her sister, Miss Eltha Morriss.

Rev. W. E. Thompson, Mrs. W. E. Martin and Mrs. Richard Martin visited the former's husband, Mr. Richard Martin, who is a patient in Veterans Hospital in Roanoke, one day last week. Mr. Martin's health is improving nicely.

Miss Nellie Harris, of Pamplin, spent Tuesday night with her aunt, Mrs. Juddy Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brisentine, of Prospect visited her mother, Mrs. Janie Meredith in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson last week.

Miss Ruth Woodson, of Appomattox called to see Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woodson Wednesday.

Miss June Martin and Miss Juanita Maddox visited Miss Dolly Ferguson during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martin and daughter, Debbie, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ferguson Sunday.

Mr. Tom Crews, Mr. Buddy Pugh and Mrs. Eunice Ann Simms visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ferguson during the week-end. Other visitors in this home during the week-end were Mr. J. D. Martin and daughter, Linda, of Dillwyn, and Mr. John Martin.

Mrs. Anne Anderson and daughter, Audrey Lee, of Keysville, visited her mother, Mrs. Juddy Glover during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan and son, Joe visited Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McCormick, of Oakville Sunday.

Mrs. Eunice Ann Simms spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Garrett, of Vera.

Rocks

Rocks, March 7.- It looks and feels like December weather now, in place of March.

Mrs. Etta Orange spent last week at Hixburg with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goin.

Mrs. Vance Harvey, of Evergreen spent several nights last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson, of Pamplin.

Mrs. John Ranson attended a church supper at Appomattox on Monday night.

Quite a few were visiting Mrs. Lloyd Richardson and Ronnie the first of last week.

Another big snow fell here Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and children, of Evergreen, spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

A sad gloom was cast over our community Wednesday night, when Claude Leffel passed away, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson.

Myron Richardson, Ruth Ranson, Ruby Richardson, and Christine Dickerson were among the number on the Honor Roll at Appomattox High School.

Johnny and Stanley Roach were in Pamplin Friday afternoon.

A very large crowd attended the funeral of Claude Leffel on Sunday afternoono at Rocks. The church choir rendered special music, with Rev. O. E. Price as soloist, accompanied by Christine Dickerson, pianist.

Quite a few from here attended the school of Mission meeting at Spring Creek Church on last Monday night.

Lime Plant No. 2 News

Lime Plant No. 2.- Seems Ole Man Winter came at last. Let's not grumble. This may save the droughts this summer, and snow is the earth's blanket.

Mrs. E. K. Martin, Beverley and Ellen and the Rev. Aaron Smith were dinner guests of Mrs. Ellen Moore and family Sunday.

Only 55 came to Mt. Comfort Methodist Church for services Sunday, and what a fine sermon was preached by our pastor, Rev. Aaron Smith.

Sunday P. M., Hubbard Moore had a surprise birthday gathering, by his sister, Mrs. Graydon Martin, with the following guests: Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr.; Bob, Isabelle, David, Lillian, Pam, Mrs. E. K. Martin, Beverley, Ellen, Clayton, Alice, Lynn, Gregg, Yvonne, Martin, O. W. Martin, Jr.; Hazel Lee, Jimmy and Richard, Louis, Margie, Clarke, Mary, Fred Moore, and Ruth Clapp, Jimmie, Mary Ellen, Doug and Cathy Marshall, Verta and Vic Banton, and Mrs. Sue Johnston. The evening was an enjoyable one, and all wish Hubard many happy returns of the day.

The W. S. C. S. of Mt. Comfort Church will meet Thursday at the church. Mrs. Latham program leader. Mrs. Roy Wells and Mrs. Lewis Edward Moore will be hostesses.

The Adult Class of the Mt. Comfort Church will have its quarterly social at the Oakville school Friday night, beginning at six o'clock. They will serve oysters, chicken, etc., and each lady is asked to bring a pie or salad. All Sunday School officers and teachers and their families are invited to be present.

Don't forget the Training School at Memorial Church March 14 - 18. "You are never too old to learn!" The hours: 7:15 - 9:15 o'clock each P. M.

Pamplin

Pamplin, March 8.- Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Farrar spent Sunday at Hot Springs, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yeatts and children, of Farmville were week-end visitors in the home of her father, Mr. Tom Davis.

The Ministers' Conference of the Appomattox Baptist Association met at the Elon Baptist Church Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis and daughter, Kathy spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wayne, of Phenix.

Miss Mary Rives Black was hostess to the B. W. C. of Elon Baptist Church Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wm. Mahone, of Newport News was a week-end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny.

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Health and Beauty

This is the season when cold sores or fever blisters are at their height.

It is surprising that cold sores are not more common because most people carry the virus with them all the time.

Natural resistance to this organism is lowered by certain factors, most common of which is the cold, sudden elevation of body temperature, gastrointestinal upsets and over-exposure to sun and wind.

A cold sore starts with a slight itching and burning of the affected area. This becomes more intense. One or more sores will occur — usually about the lips, nose, or other areas where the skin and mucous membranes meet.

Most often cold sores dry up on their own. They leave crusts which take about a week to fall off. Discomfort can be relieved by campho-ice, menthol, or spirits of camphor.

In som efew cases, cold sores are so recurrent and numerous that drastic treatment is called for. A doctor should be consulted and given a background picture of the patient's trouble with cold sores. He will probably advise a series of small-pox vaccinations.

Stay away from the use of make-up on the affected area. The straw-colored fluid carries the virus, so be considerate of other people. Never resort to picking a cold sore this is a good way to get into serious trouble.

They Have 12 Lives

Mother: Well, darling, what have been doing all afternoon?

Bobby: Shooting craps.

Mother: But you shouldn'! These little things have just as much right to live as you do.

Just That

She: "How about giving me a diamond bracelet?"

He: "My dear, extenuating circumstances perforce me to preclude you from such a bauble of extravagance."

She: "I don't get it."

He: "That's what I just said."

Hope Not

A woman motorist was driving along a country lane when she noticed a couple of repair men climbing a telephone pole.

"What are they doing that for?" she said. "Surely my driving isn't as bad as that!"

Are Termites Confused?

VPI Specialist Queries

It could be, agrees VPI Pest Control Specialist John M. Amos, that the termites are confused.

Central heating has them all mixed up. They are reported as emerging from wood around fireplaces and hot air registers, not knowing what the weather is outside, nor caring that they are out of season. Amos says that winged forms of termites may appear from the first warm days until late June.

Here is Amos' advice on dealing with termites, confused or otherwise:

When you have an infestation, contact a reliable person or company that really knows how to get rid of the pests. The VPI Agricultural Extension Service is cooperating with the Virginia State Pest Control Association and Better Business Bureaus about the reliability of persons offering termite control services.

Termites do their damage slowly, most of it is hidden, and destruction can go on for several years before it is discovered.

Entertaining

Pat: When I sat down to play the piano, they laughed.

Ed: Why?

Pat: There was no piano stool there.

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Farm News

J. A. Smith, County Agent

...onnage of agricultural lime ...1959 shows an increase of ...over 1958 in Virginia. There ...77,802 more tons of lime us... 1959 in Virginia than in ... The use of lime has been down ...past nine years. In 1950, ... tons were used. Proper use ...is important to efficient crop ...tion.

...week each farmer received a ...recommended varieties. Only ...corn varieties were listed. ...ite corn is planted so for ...terested in a white variety, ...US 523W or Woods ...

...farmers this year will try ...way to plant and grow ...commonly referred to as ..."Wheel-Track method". It is ...nded that only a small ...be attempted. Detailed in... ...ion is available from the ...agent.

...llar saved is a dollar earned! ...ften easier to save a dollar ...earn one. If you figure on a six per cent net profit on sales (not many can these days), you would have to increase sales sixteen dollars to make one dollar or equal one saved. There was the dairyman who discovered that by changing the ingredients in his feed, the cost would be reduced from $61.92 per ton to $58.50. Thus, the dairyman could save 95 dollars a month, or $1,170 dollars on the year feed cost for his 98 cows. How much would he have to increase his sales volume to net an additional $1,170 a year? If he were netting 6% on his sales volume, he would have to increase sales 19,500 dollars per year. Cutting cost — being efficient — good records that actually tell soemthing, can keep you in business. In this farmer's case, which is easier — examinng feed formulas and changing — or increasing sales? In your case, which is easier?

Spring seedings will likely be heavy in March, as soil conditions have been unfavorable for early seedings. There are several mixtures that may be considered. Following are mixtures and amount of seed that are recommended: (a) orchard grass 8-12, ladino clover, 1-2 and either red clover 2-2 or alfalfa 5-8; (b) tall fescue, 8-12, ladino clover 1-2, red clover 2-3; (c) lespedeza 10, ladino or white clover 1, and either orchard grass or tall fescue 5-12; (d) alfalfa 10-15, orchard grass 4-8, ladino clover 1; (e) alfalfa 15-20, orchard grass 3-7; (f) annual lespedeza 15-25. By selection, one may have rotational grazing or silage-rotational grazing, continuous grazing or rotational grazing and hay, hay or pasture silage-hay-rotational grazing, and silage-hay. No one mixture can provide all possibilities. Each has its place in one's particular farm organization.

Horse owners are warned that general conditions may be such as to set the stage for another outbreak this coming summer of eastern viral equine enceptalomyelitis. The high population of susceptible birds, a bumper crop of the swamp mosquito, and a hot, wet summer all comibned suggest the possibility that the outbreak which occurred in New Jersey and other eastern states last year may be repeated during this summer — and over a wider area of the East. Early spring vaccination of susceptible horses is definitely indicated. Horse owners should practice mosquito control in barns and in transportation vans, at tracks, and at all places where horses are assembled.

Eastern viral equine enceptalomyelitis can and has affected humans. Rapid and accurate diagnosis of suspect cases is essential.

A busy Virginia homemaker has been selected as a winner of the 1960 National 4-H Club Alumni Recognition award.

She is Mrs. Frank F. Carr, of Richmond, formerly of Appomattox.

She will be honored at the annual alumni banquet during the 39th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in December. There she will be presented a gold alumni key which is presented each year to eight former 4-H'ers who have "continued to live by 4-H ideals."

Mrs. Carr's 4-H background embraced six years in Virginia's Brunswick County. A native of Lunenburg County, Ella Elizabeth Kauffman moved to Brunswick County at the age of four. Her major 4-H Club projects included room improvement, foods, and clothing.

Her husband is deputy state conservationist.

While in Appomattox, Mrs. Carr was very active in many civic affairs.

Homemakers Items

Is it the high cost of living—or the cost of high living — that's giving you a pain in the pocketbook?

That's the question posed by Don L. Long, agricultural economist at VPI, who has a soothing word for the homemaker who winces at the food bill.

Over one-fifth of the average household budget goes to supply the table. This is a big chunk of available money, but isn't as big a chunk as went for food only a few years ago. In 1939, one-fourth of your disposable income went for food. Yet today's one-fifth buys quite a bit more than the one-fourth did in 1939. It's buying different foods—foods that cost more. Meats, poultry, fruits and vegetables are taking the place of potatoes and cereals. And you're getting a lot more "built-in-" maid service. Frozen foods, heat-n-serve foods, TV dinners, and other convenience foods all have come along in recent years. The costs of the maid service are included in the part of your income that goes for food.

If you now wanted to buy the same foods in the same form as you did in 1939, your cost of living would be much lower. You could eat 1939's foods for only one-sixth of your disposable income. So part of your money goes for the cost of high living, Long says.

Cooks may be interested in how to make "no-cook" jelly. Here's how, as outlined by home economists at VPI:

Use 1 small can frozen juice concentrate, 2½ ounce package powdered pectin, 2 cups of water, 1-4 cup lemon juice, and 4½ cups sugar. Measure lukewarm water and pour into a bowl. Stir powdered pectin in slowly, stirring 2 to 3 minutes. Let this stand 45 minutes and stir (not beat) occasionally. Thaw fruit concentrate (place unopened can in cold water). Pour into sauce pan. Add lemon juice and half of sugar. Mix well. Heat to lukewarm (100 degrees) stirring to dissolve sugar. Add rest of sugar to dissolved pectin (after it stands 45 minutes). Stir to dissolve sugar. Strain if any lumps. Add juice-sugar mixture to pectin mxiture, and stir 2 or 3 minutes until all sugar is dissolved. Pour into jelly glasses or plastic containers and let stand at room temperature until jelly sets (several hours or overnight). Store in refrigerator for prompt use or in freezer for use later.

Care of Young Apple Trees Important in Fruit Growing

The old sage had it that "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree."

And horticulturists at VPI go along with that saying. The care of young apple trees, they say, has a lot to do with the success or failure of an orchard.

Horticulturist Fred R. Dreiling says the present trend is to set trees closer together in the row at planting time. There should be plenty of space between rows, but it's the high per acre annual yields that are important in keeping down production costs. He also points out that adequate pollination is essential for high yields.

Many questions have been asked about using starter solutions on transplanted trees. Dreiling cites tests in which higher concentrations of starter solutions killed many trees. However, individual trees watered after planting made 16 per cent more growth than untreated trees; and trees soaked in water for 24 hours before planting made 28 per cent more growth than untreated trees. It would seem, Dreiling says, that water, more than nutrients, is the important factor.

Early pruning or training is vital in setting up a strong tree which will produce quality fruit. Planting one-year-old whips has many advantages if a grower will train the trees carefully the first three or four years. The double-heading of one-year-old whips will promote better scaffold limbs with wider crotch angles. Heading back non-permanent branches will also encourage a more spreading tree and grow more tree with the additional leaf surface. This type of pruning and training should begin immediately after the tree is planted. Take time to do it, Dreiling advises. You are establishing a tree foundation to produce for around 35 years.

Feed and cultivate the young trees properly. They should get 1-4 to 1-2 pounds of a nitrate fertilizer each year and about three times during the gorwing season, for the first three years. This handful of fertilizer can be applied during March, April and May. Keep the trees cultivated clean and for the first three to four years so the cover crop will not rob them of soil moisture and nutrients.

Parental Care

Parents spent the first part of a child's life encouraging him to walk and talk. The rest of his childhood they spent in getting him to sit down and shut up. —Davenport, Iowa, Democrat.

How To Enjoy Music

Music is much more enjoyable if you listen to it with your eyes shut. It is also more enjoyable if the people sitting near listen to it with their mouths shut. —Winston-Salem Journal.

How True!

The husband struggling with his family budget said to his wife: "You know, dear, we should have saved during the depression, so we could live through this prosperity." —The Labor Digest.

It is about time for some prophet to predict the end of the world on a specefic day.

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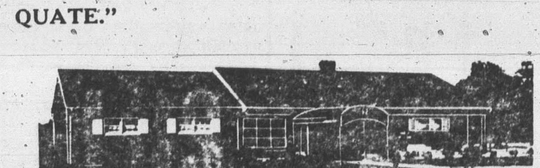
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